

Doctoral Program

CONTEMPORARY HUMANISM

Annual Seminar 2025

Humanism of Hope

It is not easy to speak of hope. Different periods of history have emphasized different aspects of it: some have brought out its theological character, others its human (and even “all too human”) qualities.

In ancient times it was considered a kind of sinister divine gift (according to myth, it was the last thing to be taken from Pandora’s box, as a consolation for all the evils that had emerged from it), as well as being one of the greatest gifts of Christian thought (which places it among the theological virtues).

In modern times hope has been secularized and internalized, becoming rather a passion or an emotion (Descartes, Hobbes, Spinoza and Kant, among others, speak of it in these terms). The 20th century resolutely denied it (Sartre), but also surprisingly rediscovered it, in its human and social variant (Bloch) and in its theological form (Moltmann).

The 2025 jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope” is a great opportunity to think and rethink a concept which has played a central role in the Christian and secular intellectual tradition of humanism.

	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September
9 am		Keynote Emmanuel Falque (ICP) <i>Survival and Creation</i>	Keynote Fernando Arancibia Collao (PUC) <i>Common Good and Social Welfare</i>	Students’ Presentations
10.30 am		Break	Break	Break
11 am	<i>Arrivals</i>	Students’ Presentations	Keynote Zaida Borges Charepe (UCP) <i>Hope and Integral Health: Nurturing a Human-Centered Approach</i>	Students’ Presentations
1 pm	<i>Management Committee Meeting</i>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.30 pm	Introduction Stefano Biancu (LUMSA) Opening Lecture Bishop Paul Tighe (Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education)	Keynote Lecture Robyn Horner (ACU) <i>What can the humanist hope for?</i>	Keynote Lecture Chiara Pesaresi (UCLy) <i>Hors d’attente. Rethinking Hope with Henri Maldiney</i>	Departures
4 pm	Break	Break	Break	
4.30 pm	Students’ Presentations	Students’ Presentations	Students’ Presentations	

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